

Ancient Document Proves Citizenship of Woman
SALT LAKE CITY—Mrs. Mauda Steed, 74, of Salt Lake City, is an American citizen—thanks to a man born 114 years ago in England. Mrs. Steed asked immigration officials to confirm her citizenship. She explained she was born in Switzerland, but had married a naturalized Englishman. After careful search, officials discovered Mrs. Steed's husband, Thomas, was naturalized in 1850 at Fort Madison, Iowa. In 1935 Steed—then 70—married the present Mrs. Steed. Five years later he died.

Pigeons Withstand Blitzkrieg Tactics
Only Kind of Communication That Cannot Be Cut.
PITTSBURGH—The homing pigeon is the only form of military communication that can survive blitzkrieg tactics, in the belief of Maj. John K. Shawan, head of the army's pigeon service. Major Shawan is directing the work of "drafting" thousands of homing pigeons from their fanciers all over the United States and training the birds in two-way flights. In the World War pigeons were taught to fly only one way. "The principle of the blitzkrieg, as developed by the German army, is to drive a spearhead in the enemy lines, then fan out in all directions and demoralize the enemy by cutting communications and isolating the different units," Major Shawan explained. That is what happened in the Low Countries and in France, and the only answer to it is the homing pigeon. It is the only form of communication which cannot be cut by the blitzkrieg. It will hop right over any barrier.

Major Shawan pointed out that the experience of the last war demonstrated that, even though the pigeon remained when all other forms of communication were cut, it was still possible for a unit to be cut off because pigeons were trained to fly one way only. Now, however, he said the army doesn't have to maintain a fresh supply of pigeons in the front lines. He added that military officials have been conducting large-scale experiments to develop two-way flights. "The whole theory of homing pigeons has been revolutionized by these two-way flights," he said, "and as a result we won't have any more 'one-way' battalions."

Multicolor Turbans
The new turbans are printed flower crepes, tulle or even striped tulle. This hat style may be worn either casually or formally. A striped turban goes with many different costumes and many different colors. Send us local news items. They must be signed by writer and be in our hands Tuesday afternoon.

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Navy's Biggest Ship Nearly Completed
Washington to Be Placed in Commission in May.
PHILADELPHIA—Speed through construction six months ahead of schedule at the Philadelphia navy yard, the new 35,000-ton battleship USS Maryland, was announced today by the navy. The ship was launched last June 1, just two years after the laying of her keel.

The new \$55,000,000 vessel, carrying nine 16-inch guns and a heavy secondary and anti-aircraft armament, will be commanded by Capt. Howard H. J. Benson of Baltimore, according to Undersecretary of the Navy James V. Forrestal, who made the announcement at Washington. The Washington is the largest and most powerful capital ship ever built for the navy, and will be the second to go into service since the USS Wisconsin was commissioned in 1923. The first since that time will be the North Carolina, a sister-ship of the Washington. She is being completed at the Brooklyn navy yard and is to be commissioned in a few weeks.

Construction speed-ups on the Washington not only will permit her commissioning far ahead of the contract time of next December 1, but will also save the navy money. The ship was built in 1923, and the new law exempts archaeological excavations and grave openings for authorized post-mortems.

But His Crust Won't Go Through the Mail
TOWSON, MD.—An 18-year-old Negro was accused of having lived for two months in a Towson home while his owners were away. The man, who is now in custody, was found by the police. He was accused of having lived for two months in a Towson home while his owners were away. The man, who is now in custody, was found by the police. He was accused of having lived for two months in a Towson home while his owners were away.

Lost Evidence in Army Trial of 1889 Unearthed
BOSTON—A rusty cannon ball—some 50 years old—was discovered in the bottom of an old cistern at historic Fort Warren in Boston harbor. According to an old army story, a private in 1889 dropped the 65-pound cannon ball from the fort wall. He missed only because his hard-bitten captain failed to make the customary stop for a smoke in a certain corner of the fort. The story describes how two of the private's companions hid the cannon ball under cover of night. The private was set free at a trial when the all-important evidence—the cannon ball—could not be produced.

Army records show the captain died in the Philippine islands in 1902 and the private left the army in 1910 and died in 1925.

Newest wrist watches are square, made of pink gold, set with diamonds and rubies and fastened with a maroon wrist cord.

Need for More State Police Cited
Richmond, May 21.—Tremendous increases in automobile registrations and use of Virginia roads are cited by Col. M. S. Battle, Director of the State Division of Motor Vehicles as justifying the need for additional state police.

Acting on their own initiative, three statewide auto clubs last week urged Governor Price to add 50 officers to the State force, in which they emphasized extra burdens brought about by military and industrial defense activities in Virginia. The Governor has the matter under advisement.

The increase in vehicular traffic since 1936 has been about one and one-half million vehicles, Col. Battle said. Private car registrations have been increased in excess of 61,000 in the past five years, he added. In the first quarter of 1941 Virginia collected over a million dollars more in gas taxes than it collected in the corresponding 1940 period.

Industrial and military expansion and other traffic congestions, Col. Battle stated, "makes necessary state police concentrations in certain areas." He then explained why the present force is "under-manned and over-worked."

"Our men," Col. Battle said, "have 45,000 miles of highway to patrol, which averages 600 miles per officer each 12 hours. Ten of our 165 officers are assigned to investigate subversive activities."

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